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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MICHAEL SCHNELL



Birthplace of George Michael Schnell in Germany

In the picture are Michael Birkert, Sr., and sons, Michael, Jr., right, and Carl

FAMILY BACKGROUND

John M. Schnell
9/27, 1792-
10/2, 1866

Rosina C. Wolf
9/24, 1800-
7/14, 1871

- Rosina Schnell Brenner
  d. 11/12, 1870
  - Rosina Brenner Birkett
    7/5, 1853-7/14, 1900
  - Margaret Brenner
    1854-1905
  - Fred Brenner, Jr.
    -1896
- Fred Brenner
  1815-1877
- Geo. Michael Schnell
  1822-1894
  - Henry Schnell
    1854-1923
  - Emma Schnell Slutz
    1855-1944
  - George Schnell
    1857-1921
  - Mary Schnell
    1858-1859
- Mary M. Bader Schnell
  1822-1894
  - Louisa Schnell Kerr
    1860-1942
  - Fred Schnell
    1862-1914
  - Albert Schnell
    1865-1895

John M. Bader

Dorothy C. Hamel

- Rosa Bader Christner
  - Hortense Christner
  - Aurelia Christner
  - Tillie Christner
  - Bertha Christner
  - Millie Christner
- Fred Bader
  - Charles Bader (13)
  - Mary Bader Stilgen Bauer
- Henry Bader
  - Bader Koosman
  - Fred Bader
  - Albert Bader
  - Harriet Bader
  - Edith Bader
- Dorothy Bader Zaller
  - Rosina Zaller Wolf
    d. 2/28, 1931

SCHNELL-BADER FAMILY

By HERVEY A. SCHNELL

Written January, 1944.

Fifty years ago this month my grandparents Schnell passed away. I, their first-born grandchild, will now endeavor to assemble certain leading facts pertaining to their background in Germany, and also to their lives and family in America.

My sources are, first, old German letters and documents now the property of my brother, Fred C. Schnell; secondly, statements I remember from my father, and thirdly some information acquired through a correspondence I had with two of my second cousins in Germany during the years from 1930 to 1933.

This local community in which our grandparents were born and reared is located in northeastern Wurttemburg. This community lies in the eastern part of the civil division known in German as Oberamt Ohringen, and about nine miles northeast of the town of Ohringen, the official seat of said civil division. This community also lies about fifty-five miles southeast of the city of Spires on the River Rhine and about the same distance north of the city of Ulm on the Danube River. It is about seventeen miles west of the Bavarian boundary and ten miles south of the Baden boundary.

The foremost town in the community is Kupferzell which is situated on the Kupfer River near its source. The Kupfer River flows northwest to join the Kocher which from this point flows west to join the Neckar River at Yagstfeld. The Neckar flows north and northwestward until it empties into the Rhine at Manheim. The region is dotted with numerous villages separated by distances of from less than a mile to two miles. Our ancestry is of the medieval Franconian stock and not of the Swabian stock as one might suppose by a glance at the maps in our general histories.

The Schnells in Germany

Grandfather George Michael Schnell was born June 26, 1822, in Kubach, a mile northeast of Kupferzell. His parents were John Michael Schnell and Rosina Catharine Wolf. He was baptized June 29, and one of the three witnesses to his baptism was John George Michael Schnell of Wolmuthausan, a town five miles northwest of Kupferzell. Naturally, we entertain the possibility of this witness' being the grandfather of our grandfather, although we lack evidence. Moreover, we are thinking of the town of Wolmuthausan as the possible original home of the Schnells. Inasmuch as the party recently living in the house in Kubach in which Grandfather was born, built in 1800 and still standing, informs me that in those times it was the property of the Wolf family. Apparently our great grandfather, John Michael Schnell, came into possession of it through his marriage to Rosina Wolf, who was also born

in 1800. There were about fifty acres of land in this homestead, a comfortable family estate.

It is reported that John Michael Schnell at one time served in the German army against Napoleon. He was an only child, and in his family there were but two children. Grandfather and his sister, Rosina. Rosina Schnell married John Brenner around 1850. Born to them in the early fifties were three children, Rosina, Margaret, and Fred.

Rosina Brenner married Michael Birkert and had four children, Michael, John, Carl, and Caroline, the last two being twins. Michael, Jr. was born in 1875, is married and has a son, Carl. John Birkert, born 1882, is a farmer living at Dienbot on the River Yagst, perhaps twelve miles southeast of Kubach in Oberamt Gerabron. He was an army officer in World War I. He had three children, two daughters and a son. The oldest daughter is now about thirty-six, and the second is a nurse. Carl and Caroline were born September 5, 1888. Carl was in World War I and for three years was held in England as a prisoner of war. He later was afflicted with a stomach ailment for which he underwent an operation at Ohringen, but to no avail. He died about 1932. Caroline married Fred Frank and is living in Ottendorf near her brother John. They have several children.

Michael, John, and his brother-in-law, Carl Thum, were my correspondents in Germany, the latter being able to read and write English. The old Schnell home had been occupied by the Brenner family and the Birkerts. Michael Birkert, Jr. is the present occupant.

Margaret Brenner remained single but mothered a daughter and had her home with the Birkerts.

Fred Brenner, a butcher by trade, had six children, but only five reached maturity, three sons and two daughters. He died with tuberculosis in 1896, his wife evidently having preceded him. His children had their home with the Birkerts for a time. The daughters, Mrs. Fred Sperling, and her sister, Lois Brenner, who is single, live at Springfield, Ohio, Route 6. The Sperlings, truck gardeners, have reared a sizable family. Several of them are married at this writing.

In his youth Fred Brenner was excellent in penmanship. Apparently, he did most of the letter writing for his parents and grandparents to our grandparents in the United States in the sixties and seventies. One of these letters is keenly intersting because of its emphatic denial of the slightest prospect of our grandfather's ever receiving any inheritance from Germany. This letter being dictated, of course, asserts that Grandfather played the part of a deserter. He was given to understand that a deserter cannot expect the deserted to share their inheritance with him. However, full forgiveness is guaranteed to Grandfather, but not to one, Mr. Christner who is charged as being the instigator of that inheritance talk going on in North America.

Off to America

According to my father, there were two reasons for leaving Germany. First was his dislike for militarism. Every ablebodied young man, even in peace time, was required to take three years military training from age seventeen to twenty. Grandfather was not of the fighting type. The second reason was that he might be free to marry the woman of his choice. In Germany, at that time, it was the custom for parents to choose the life mates for their children. The one that had been slated for him he, for some reason, did not wish to marry. As I understand it, the choice had been based too largely upon financial considerations. Grandfather's family owned a farm of fifty acres while the family of the girl he wished to marry owned only twenty acres.

But Grandfather, choosing rather to suffer the affliction of the underprivileged than to enjoy the pleasures of the privileged for a season, married the poorer woman, and in so doing he lost his own inheritance; then to be sure they were on the same level. We trust that he took the wiser course.

On February 9, 1853, two passports were issued at Ohringen, numbers 495 and 496, to a man and woman, both single, and aged thirty and thirty-one, respectively, with specification for leaving Germany on March 18, bound for America via Liverpool part way on the steamship "City of Manchester." On March 9, the fare was paid for both at Ohringen, and a receipt given by the company agent. When they parted from their relatives and friends, they probably did not expect to see them again on earth. Nor did they ever see them again and for a period of seventy-eight years none of their descendants ever saw each other.

It appears that the boat on which they came to America was a sailboat. They had a rough crossing; some days the wind blew them back farther than they came. The voyage took eleven weeks. Grandmother was preceded to this country by her sister, Rosa.

In Winesburg, A New Germany

Winesburg, Paint Township, Holmes County, Ohio, was first settled by a small group of hearty German pioneers about thirty years before. By this time there were many Germans in the community from both Germany and Pennsylvania. It was named after Weinsburg in Wurttemburg of the Weiber-Trei fame, an incident of war in the year 1140 A. D. Our grandparents married soon after reaching Winesburg. In the following October Grandfather signed a written contract with Reverend Cranz for the renting of a farm of one hundred acres. This farm lies a little over a mile southeast of Winesburg. In 1906, according to the Holmes County atlas published at that time, this farm was in the name of Adolf Leyman. On the record it is Lot 19, Third Quarter, Township 10, Range 4, Military Land. This was their home for ten years. Here were born all their children except Albert. Mary, the fourth child, died here in infancy and is buried in the old Winesburg cemetery. Death is said to have been caused by membranous croup.

Reverend Cranz was pastor of the Winesburg Lutheran Church. On the Sabbath he and his family would walk to church. Those Germans had not left all things German in Germany. I am told it was not considered unseemly for Pastor Cranz to pronounce the benediction, then walk directly from the pulpit across the street to an open saloon and take a drink before going home.

Neither was it considered wrong for a farmer to bring in several loads of hay or grain on Sunday afternoon if he saw a rain on the way. To us such practices seem altogether unworthy of the Christian profession. Realizing how largely one's convictions are determined by his upbringing, we will not assume to sit in judgment.

Reverend Cranz died in 1876 at the age of eighty.

As a Farmer

Farming here was not very good, perhaps for several reasons. The farm was hilly and rocky, not very productive nor easy to operate. Then, Reverend Cranz and his family lived in another house on the farm and off the income. It is thought that all told, the terms he offered the renter were not overly generous. At any rate, during this time an old German advisor told Grandfather never to rent from a preacher, a doctor, or a widow. Furthermore, though Grandfather was a stout, steady, dependable, and willing worker, he was never an enthusiastic farmer. He was not apt in picking up new ideas or improved methods. Moreover, the process of Americanization with him was painfully slow. On this point Father would refer to the incident of his getting pinched between the end of the wagon tongue and the gate post in such a manner that Dr. Peters* declared it would have killed him if it had occurred after a meal instead of before. He obtained his United States citizenship at Millersburg on September 13, 1858.

Among the Amish

In the spring of 1863 at the solicitation of Samuel Mast, who told him he had heard about him, they removed into a tenant house on the Mast farm in the northeast corner of Hardy Township. Here they lived five years. The log house, long since removed, was located along the Benton-Millersburg road a mile from Benton. Here for the most part he worked by day, at times for as low as thirty cents a day.

*Dr. Peters was born in Germany in 1818. He had received an ample education and an excellent medical training in Germany by 1840, the year in which he arrived in Chicago to set up for practice. There he was soon near death with a siege of malaria. After recovery he decided to exchange the swamps of Chicago for the hills of Winesburg. Here he practiced medicine and surgery for forty year toward the close of which period his practice had extended into adjacent counties. I was told it was not unusual for him to come home on horseback long after dark from a twenty-five mile trip to find his office filled with people who were waiting for him long hours. No doubt he learned early that it was human to err. For instance, one night my father when in his infancy was seized by convulsions. Dr. Peters was sent for and arrived. The first thing he did was to immerse the child in a tub of warm water until the symptoms abated. Then the doctor prepared a prescription and left. An hour or so later he returned inquiring whether any medicine had yet been given. Upon receiving a negative reply, he said it was a good thing because he had made a mistake in prescribing the dosage. After correction he said the dose as at first ordered might have resulted in disaster if given. Dr. Peters died early in 1882 and is buried in the old Winesburg cemetery.

In time Mr. Mast insisted he must cease working by the day and must begin farming, that this won't do with such a family coming on. Grandfather was reluctant because he wasn't equipped to farm and had no money. But Mr. Mast's insistence overcame his reluctance. For two years, 1868 and 1869, they farmed the Eli Stutzman farm in eastern Hardy Township. In 1906 these eighty acres were in the names of Eli Stutzman and C. Opligar. Mr. Stutzman, a bachelor, had his home wtih them. While here the children attended the Buena Vista school a mile to the east.

Here one day Grandfather was sowing wheat. Toward evening, being bent on finishing, he sent my father, aged about eleven, to the barn for a half bushel more seed. By the time he got back to the field with the seed, it was partly dark so that neither of the two observed until the following spring that the half bushel of seed was rye instead of wheat. Oddly enough, the wheat was so badly frozen out that year that by harvest time the strip sown to rye was nearly all the crop realized from that field.

During this time they dealt at the Unger store in Berlin. They sold butter and eggs, but mostly butter. For the former on August 27, they received $18.90 for 63 pounds, and the second year on October 2, $15.62 for 71 pounds. We here note a few store prices: Eggs, 15c; butter, 20c to 33c; sugar, 12c; coffee, 30c; muslin, 12c; calico, 15c; shirting, 25c; glass jars, 25c apiece; tobacco, 30c; nails, 8c. They went to the store about twice a month.

The year 1870 finds them on another Stutzman farm on the Martin's Creek one mile above Benton. That farm in 1906 was in the name of Jacob J. Miller. From this home the children attended the Boyd's school. Some of the Boyd's school children, all of those at Buena Vista, all the Masts, Stutzmans, Millers, Yoders, Troyers, and most of the neighbors to these three homes were Amish.

Beechvale

Now, at about fifty years of age, it would seem that our grandparents should be entitled to a home of their own. In 1871, for the sum of $2,730, they purchased from William Baty forty-three acres at Beechvale, one mile west of Benton in Saltcreek Township. In 1906 this land was in the name of J. Crile. Later several additional purchases were made. The house was located in the northeast corner of the Beechvale crossroad. The Beechvale school lot was in the southeast corner, the Woodruff home in the northwest, and later the blacksmith shop was in the southwest corner of the crossroad. Here they had eight or ten close neighbors, among them a shoemaker, a blacksmith, a cane press, a livestock scale, and I think a cider mill, also a flour mill and a woolen factory within a mile or so. The children were all confirmed in the Friburg Lutheran Church in the same township.

I must mention a matter that has ever since been of interest to me. For several years during the early eighties a stranded telephone wire was stretched

from their house to ours, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile. This was no electric telephone. I am not certain what I should call it, but will venture to call it an acoustic telephone. The instruments at each end were merely large hollow boxes over the front of which was stretched a leather vibrating membrane with a brass button in the center. To ring up, the brass button was tapped with a small hammer provided for the purpose. The amazing feature of it was that given fair weather, a completely satisfactory conversation was possible between parties in any part of the two rooms at the end of the line even while following their work or eating a meal. The disadvantages were that there was provided no way to hang up nor any protection from lightning. I can remember only the wire and the box after they were abandoned, but have never seen or heard of any since.

One more boyhood recollection was the Ringling Brothers Circus staged at Millersburg on September 15, 1893. Father promised to take us. Of course, my boyish enthusiasm hung high for several weeks before and after except for one moment. That was when I asked Grandfather whether he was going to the circus too, and he replied somewhat impatiently, "What would I want there?" To me this was an unforgetable and sobering bump.

Grandfather, as I remember him, wore a full white beard. was of medium height, stocky, rudy, and healthy. Among people, he was reserved, even timid and distrustful of himself. He was a diligent reader and had a keen interest in current events and church affairs. His deepest concern in any event or problem was in the ethical and spiritual angle of it. He was honest to the core, a little too easily imposed upon, and not always effective in his own counsel. Yet as a judge of character he is said to have made certain remarkably accurate long range predictions.

Grandmother was of a more slender form, practical, capable, and utterly devoted to her charge. Perhaps she was less profound in her thought habit and less hesitant to assume leadership than Grandfather.

Leaving This World

On January 4, 1894, Grandfather, after several days of delirium, passed away in the dusk of evening. Even though he was not expected to recover, the end when it came, seems to have taken some members of the family unawares. The cause of death was uremic poisoning.

Several of the family, including my father and Aunt Em, were of the opinion death was due to a stroke. Years later, I asked Dr. Carson, who had attended him. The doctor replied positively that death was due to uremia, or uremic poisoning. Dr. Carson practiced medicine at Benton from 1885 to the autumn of 1913. Then after a part of a year in Millersburg, he removed to Holmesville where he continued his practice until his death in 1927. From 1885 on, he was for the most part the Schnell family physician as long as they lived in or near Beechvale, and occasionally even afterwards.

During Grandfather's death and burial Grandmother was upstairs in bed with the grippe. On the day of the funeral just before the services began, she was brought down in a rocking chair to view him. This she did silently and gravely. What a career together was here interrupted! But not for long. Her illness developed into pneumonia and nine days later, on the thirteenth, she followed. They were buried in the Friburg cemetery near the Painter vault.

Their two life-long American correspondents were Barbara Schwab of Hatfield, sometimes Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and John Voltz of Iowa City, Iowa. Both lived on farms. Mrs. Fred Schwab, formerly Barbara Lechner, appears to have left Germany about the same time as Grandparents, 1853. She returned to Germany on a three months' visit in 1869, and in August, 1882 she paid a visit to her Schnell and other friends in Ohio. She had a son, Fred, who in 1869 was attending a North Philadelphia high school. In 1882 a daughter, Catherine, was married and had a son a year old called Fred. Grandfather went on a visit to Iowa in the fall of 1883.

The Second Generation

Henry and George, before marriage, were for several years actively engaged in the threshing business as partners. In 1879 they purchased the first steam engine ever used for that purpose in their territory. Previously, horse power had been used.

After his marriage, Henry first lived in the first farm residence along the road west of Beechvale. There were born Orpha, Naomi, and Byron. Next they lived for two years in and near Fredericksburg. In 1895 they moved on the Slutz farm adjoining Lodi northwest; later they lived on the Wise farm west and next on a farm south of Lodi on the Burbank road. Then they worked on a dairy farm near Willoughby in Lake County. Lastly, they made their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Ray Culp in Wadsworth. Both had been rendered helpless for some months before death by a stroke. They were Methodists and buried at Lodi.

Emma and her husband, Stephen Slutz, lived for some years at Mt. Hope where Mr. Slutz was engaged as a merchant. Frank and Homer were born there. Earl was born at Brunswick. Mr. Slutz entered the Methodist ministry and served at Berlin Heights, Brunswick, North Amherst, Wadsworth, Orrville, and Danville, Ohio. Then about 1901 they had themselves transferred to Colorado on account of Earl's health. In Colorado they served at Rifle, Denver, Castle Rock, and Canon City. In 1917 they removed to Dayton, Ohio. At this writing Rev. Slutz has passed away at the age of eighty-six and Mrs. Slutz at eighty-eight is reported failing. She is the last remaining member of the family.

George first lived on the Mast* farm southwest of Beechvale. Here his

*This Mast farm was owned by Joseph Mast, son of Samuel Mast. I also notice that Samuel Mast made a loan to Grandfather in 1871 to the amount of $750. Seven years later it was all paid off, and the note returned.

first wife died in 1886 with puerpural fever. Here were born Hervey, Mary, and David of the first set, and Fred, Wilmer, and a daughter who died in infancy of the second set. Ora was born on the Sherlock farm. They removed to the lower Sherlock farm in Berlin Township in 1895. There George died of Bright's disease two years after his second wife had succumbed to a heart attack. They were members of the Martins Creek Mennonite Church and are buried in that cemetery.

Louisa married John Kerr, and they lived all their lives on the Kerr farm north of Beechvale on the Fredericksburg road. There were born three children, Ora, Harry, and Mary. Before his marriage, Mr. Kerr had followed school teaching. After marriage, he was a farmer and for a while part-time sawyer. His above average ability was always available for both church and community service. Louisa died at the age of eighty-two, her husband having preceded her by sixteen years. They were adherents of the United Presbyterian Church and are buried at Fredericksburg.

Although Fred was no preacher, he gave the preacher a close race in movings. First he lived on the Watson farm near Beechvale, next on the Dave McCullock farm south of Friburg, then back to the Woodruff lot in Beechvale. Here he may have lived for eight years, and here Walter was born. Next he lived on the Arnold farm, formerly the Yoder farm near Beechvale; here Mabel was born in 1900. Then he moved to the Garmire farm west of Benton, and from there to the Worth Harrold farm one and one-half miles east of Calmoutier. After two years there he had a sale in March, 1905, and moved to the Smadly farm northeast of and near to Apple Creek. In 1912 he was on a Bechtel farm three miles southwest of Orrville from which place he moved to the Grant farm joining Apple Creek on the north. After a year there he died of pneumonia following a siege of grippe.

Fred was a painstaking farmer, and his frequent movings were due in nearly every case to circumstances arising beyond his control. In the face of these drawbacks he succeeded in accumulating a modest estate. At death he was a member of the consistory of the Apple Creek Reformed Church. Both he and his wife, the late Mrs. F. E. Ziechel, are buried in Apple Creek.

Albert, single, was accidentally killed at Orrville in February, 1895. Shortly after midnight, he arrived on an eastbound passenger train on his way from Wooster to Holmesville. An hour or so later he was found dead, lying between the two main tracks a few hundred feet east of the depot. No one witnessed the accident, but a coroner's inquest supported the theory that immediately after leaving his train he proceeded to walk eastward between the two main tracks, and not being sufficiently alert, he became entrapped between two trains moving in opposite directions, was hit by both trains and instantly killed. He was a member of the Friburg Lutheran Church and is buried there in the same lot with his parents.

The Baders in Germany

In Germany this name was probably spelled Baader. Grandmother Mary Magdalena Bader was born February 17, 1822, in Gogganbach, two mlies southeast of Kupferzell. Later the family moved to Belzhaag, a strong mile southwest of Kupferzell. Her father was John Michael Bader, and her mother was Catherine Dorothy Hamel. In the family there were three daughters and two sons: Mary, Rosa, Dorothy, Fred, and Henry.

Dorothy alone remained in Germany. She married Ludwig Zaller and had one daughter, Rosina. Rosina Zaller married Fred Wolf in 1877. She died February 28, 1931, and is buried in Kupferzell. Fred Wolfs had two children, Fred, Jr., born in 1878, and Caroline, born in 1883.

The Baders in America

Rosa married a Christner and lived first in Winesburg. She was left a widow with five daughters: Hortense, Aurelia, Bertha, Millie, and Tillie. Later they moved to Indiana. One daughter was married to Prentice, a Presbyterian minister, and another to Fred Sisterhen, a shoe merchant in Ligonier, with whom Rosa made her home until her death over eighty years of age.

Fred, also of Winesburg, had two children, Charles and Mary. Mary married Otto Stilgenbauer of Baltic. Both Charles and Mary had large families and both later moved to Canton. In 1921 Charles lived at 318 Park Street S. W., and Mary on Lawrence Avenue N. E., of that city.

Henry, the youngest, was in America rather young. His folks repeatedly urged his older brother and sisters to safeguard him. He finally moved from Winesburg to Indianapolis. There he married and reared a daughter and a son, Fred. The daughter married a Koosman. In 1904 Fred was single and had his home with his sister. The Koosmans had a large family and lived on Jones Street S. E. These people were Catholics.

After his first wife died, Henry married again and had by his second wife three children: Albert, Harriet and Edith. This time he lived in Terra Haute, Indiana. Henry died prior to 1902 and his second wife before 1910. Their home in Terra Haute was 1124 North Eighth Street. Albert was married and in 1921 had two children, Henry eight, and Evelyn four. Harriet and Edith were both graduates of the Indiana Normal College located in their city, and for a while they taught in the city schools. Later they both served in China under the Presbyterian Board of Missions. Still later, they were back in this country taking graduate work. Edith, the youngest, was born in 1882.

I trust we may have the good grace to profit by a knowledge of both the merits and demerits of our ancestry and to dedicate to God our best in behalf of this needy world.

First Generation

1-1

George Michael Schnell born June 26, 1822, died Jan. 4, 1894.

Mary Magdalena Bader born Feb. 17, 1822, died Jan. 13, 1894.

These two, our common forbears, were united in marriage at Winesburg, Holmes County, Ohio, on July 17, 1853.

Their children

2-1	Frederick Henry (Henry Franklin)	born Sept. 18. 1854
2-2	Emma Louisa,	born Dec. 2, 1855
2-3	George Carl,	born May 3, 1857
	Mary Magdalena,	born Nov. 11, 1858
		died Oct. 17,1859
2-4	Louisa Catherine,	born June 12, 1860
2-5	Gustav Frederick, (Fred G.)	born Mar. 27, 1862
2-6	Gottfried Albert, (Albert)	born Oct. 14, 1865

Explanations

First, The first figure in each number indicates the generation. The number appearing in front of a name will be found above that name when that name reappears in the next generation.

Secondly, Further details about those in the first and second generations and the birth places of the third generation are given in the introduction.

Memoranda

Second Generation

2-1

Henry Franklin Schnell on Nov. 29, 1883, was married to Rebecca Jane Gurwell born Aug. 31, 1859, died Aug. 6, 1921, and who was the daughter of George William and Hester Cantlebury Gurwell. Henry Schnell died March 6, 1923.

3-1	Orpha Iona,	born July 9, 1886
3-2	Naomi Amelia,	born Aug. 3, 1889
3-3	Byron Arthur,	born Feb. 16, 1891

2-2

Emma Louisa Schnell on Dec. 16, 1880, was married to Rev. Stephen Haley Slutz., born Nov. 28, 1852, died Feb. 25, 1937. He was the son of Josiah and Mary Haley Slutz.

3-4	Frank Durard,	born Nov. 27, 1882
3-5	Josiah Homer,	born Nov. 21, 1884
3-6	Earl Mitchell,	born Feb. 20, 1892

The passing of Emma, Oct. 3, 1944, marked the termination of the original Schnell-Bader family, an overall span of 122 years.

2-3

George Carl Schnell on Feb. 8, 1881, was married to Lydia Miller born Sept. 14, 1862, died Feb. 7, 1886. She was the daughter of Eli D. and Mary Mast Miller.

3-7	Hervey Albert,	born June 15, 1882
3-8	Mary Magdalena,	born May 15, 1884
3-9	David Eli,	born Jan. 28, 1886

He was married the second time in 1887 to Fanny Stutzman born April 12, 1860, died Nov. 14, 1919. She was the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Miller Stutzman. George Schnell died Feb. 17, 1921.

3-10	Fred Calvin,	born May 2, 1889
	Wilmer,	born June 30, 1891
	Infant daughter,	born May 28, 1893 died May 31, 1893
	Ora,	born May 15, 1895 died Oct. 9, 1906

Wilmer, born a spastic child, was an invalid from infancy. He was able to walk only when assisted and was at no time able to talk distinctly. He died in his fortieth year, Nov. 28, 1930.

2-4

Louisa Schnell was born June 12, 1860, died July 23, 1942. On March 1, 1883, was married to John William Kerr, born May 30, 1852, died Dec. 3, 1926. He was the son of James Wilson and Margaret Deardorff Kerr.

3-11 Orra Alvena,	born Nov. 28, 1884
3-12 Harry Wilson,	born Oct. 14, 1886
3-13 Mary Margaret,	born April 5, 1895

2-5

Fred G. Schnell on Jan. 25, 1888, was married to Mary Emma Clouse, born June 5, 1867, and was the daughter of Henry and Catharine Awell Clouse.

3-14 Walter Elmer,	born Aug. 1, 1891
3-15 Mabel Bertha,	born July 16, 1900

Fred Schnell died Mar. 10, 1914. Later his widow married the Rev. Fred E. Ziechel, 1855-1945. She died Jan. 3, 1944.

2-6

Albert Schnell was accidentally killed by a train at Orrville, Ohio, on Feb. 18, 1895, in his 30th year. For the greater part of his life he was a farm laborer. During his later years he was employed part time on the Ohio Experiment farm at Wooster O. At death he was employed by a Wooster contractor by the name of Long.

Memoranda

Third Generation

3-1

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Orpha Iona Schnell, married July 24, 1909, to William Lewis Fenstermaker, born Jan. 12, 1880, son of John Walter and Nancy Woods Fenstermaker. Carpenter, members of the Reformed Church, Res. 720 Douglas Street, Akron, Ohio.

4-1	Miriam Ruth,	born May 3, 1910
4-2	Ernest Arden,	born Feb. 8, 1914
4-3	Lester Charles,	born Mar. 20, 1916
	Paul William,	born Jan. 18, 1921

3-2

Naomi Amelia Schnell, married Nov. 29, 1913, to Charles Raymond Culp, born Nov. 30, 1886, son of Edwin William and Mariah Long Culp, Plumber, members of Methodist Church. Res. 168 Fairlawn Ave., Wadsworth, Ohio.

4-4	Virginia Marcene,	born June 29, 1916
4-5	Edwin Henry,	born Nov. 12. 1919
	Lois Jane,	born April 5, 1923

3-3

Byron Arthur Schnell, State Boys and Student Secretary, Indiana Y. M. C. A.; 3002 Broadwa,y Indianapolis, Ind., was married June 30, 1915, to Zoe Lavonne Williams, born July 14, 1889, the daughter of Leander and Bertha Hubler Williams. Byron died Feb. 16, 1942, cause of death a stroke. Member Methodist Church.

4-6	Robert Lee,	born July 21, 1916
4-7	Richard Henry,	born July 24, 1918
4-8	Carlton Cleon,	born July 17, 1920

3-4

Frank Durward Slutz, Educator and Lecturer, 16 Lexington Ave., Dayton, O. A graduate of Mt. Union College and Harvard, he taught in the public schools at Alliance, O., English in high school in Pueblo, Col., and was superintendent of Moraine Park School in Dayton, since discontinued. This was an experimental project supported by a group of Dayton industrialists. On June 29, 1907, married Catherine Pierce, born May 9, 1879, died Feb. 20, 1941, and daughter of Andrew and Margaret Cowan Pierce, Ohio. Members Methodist Episcopal Church.

4-9	Ralph Leland,	born Sept. 16, 1908
4-10	Donald Pierce,	born June 25, 1912
4-11	Margaret Louisa,	born Nov. 28, 1915

3-5

Josiah Homer Slutz, Methodist Episcopal clergyman, corner Beech and Union Streets, Chattanooga 4, Tenn. A graduate of the Boston University Divinity Schol, he has held charges in Mt. Pelier, Vt.; Providence, R. I.; Knoxville, Tenn. On June 6, 1911, married Jennie Hammond, born Oct. 4, 1886, died Jan. 2, 1942. She was the daughter of Silas Decator and Sara Jane Hall Hammond, Mass.

Silas Stephen,	born, Dec. 13, 1914; died Dec. 13, 1914
Clayton Hammond,	born Dec. 13, 1914; died Mar. 11, 1915
Vera Glenda,	born Sept. 1, 1916
Merton Homer,	born Mar. 17, 1925

3-6

Earl Mitchell Slutz, salesman, 1444 Beidler Street, Muskegon, Mich. He was married on Oct. 3, 1920, to Alice Tofft, born June 20 1896. She was the daughter of Andrew and Catherine E. Smallmo Tofft. Member Methodist Episcopal Church.

Glen Everett,	born Aug. 18, 1921
Howard Tofft,	born July 23, 1923

3-7

Hervey Albert Schnell, farmer, Orrville, O. On Dec. 20, 1911, married Emma E. Yoder, born Jan. 31, 1884, daughter of Levi B. and Elizabeth Hartzler Yoder of Surrey, N. Dak. Mennonite.

4-12	Frances Elizabeth,	born Aug. 6, 1913
4-13	Myrtle Barbara,	born May 14 1916
	Kempes Yoder,	born May 9, 1919
	Mary Lucile,	born Mar. 23, 1924

3-8

Mary Magdalena Schnell on Dec. 30, 1906, married William Crilow, born June 9, 1880, son of Daniel and Lydia Kline Crilow. Farmer, Millersburg, O., R. 4. Mennonite. Mary died of cancer April 10, 1937.

4-14	Dora Etta,	born Mar. 18, 1908
4-15	Homer Daniel,	born June 27, 1909
4-16	Orpha Mabel,	born April 8, 1911
4-17	Verna Esther,	born Oct. 22, 1912
4-18	Melvin George,	born June 1, 1914
4-19	Ida Marie,	born June 10, 1916
4-20	Floyd Berl,	born Sept. 18, 1917
4-12	Emma Florence,	born Jan. 28, 1919
	Esta Laurene,	born Dec. 16, 1924

3-9

David Eli Schnell, Farmer, Address: Millersburg, O., Star Rt. Aug. 17, 1918. married Sarah Weaver, born Sept. 15, 1887, the daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Hochstettler Weaver. Mennonite.

4-22	Erma,	born July 12, 1919
	Marie,	born April 1, 1922
	Lula,	born May 15, 1924
	Myra,	born Oct. 9, 1927

3-10

Fred Calvin Schnell, Farmer and later county Federal Loan and Commodity Agent. Present residence: Apple Creek, Ohio R. D. On Nov. 6, 1918, married Minnie Yoder, born April 21, 1896, daughter of Frank and Ada Yoder Yoder. Mennonite.

	Lyman Fay,	born Nov. 19, 1919
4-23	Weldon Maynard,	born Feb. 4, 1921
	Leonard Ewing,	born July 31, 1923
	Warren,	born Nov. 10, 1924, died Nov. 11, 1924

3-11

Orra Alvena Kerr, teacher, 801 E. 14th Street, Davenport, Ia. A graduate of Muskingum College, after several years teaching and graduate work in the East she has been a teacher of mathematics in Junior High School, Davenport, Ia., for over thirty years.

3-12

Harry Wilson Kerr, farmer, Fredericksbug, Ohio R. D. A graduate of and former instructor in Muskingum College. Aug. 15, 1923, married Evelyn Fidelia Porter, born Nov. 13, 1888, daughter of George Samuel and Lois Jeanette Baldwin Porter, Mo. United Presbyterian.

4-24	George William,	born June 25, 1924
	Martha Louisa,	born July 24, 1925

3-13

Mary Margaret Kerr, school teacher and graduate of Muskingum College, on June 24, 1920, married Heber William Spencer, born July 4, 1893, son of William D. and Jennie Martin Spencer. Farmer, Fredericksburg, R. D. Presbyterian Church.

	Florence Alvena, and	
4-25	Dorothy Jane,	born Aug. 28, 1921
	Harry William,	born Sept. 3, 1923, died Mar. 23, 1927
	Heber Kerr, Jr.,	born Aug. 12, 1925
	George Robert,	born July 27, 1927
	Willis Earl,	born Oct. 8, 1929
	Margaret Lucile,	born Aug. 9, 1931

3-14

Walter Elmer Schnell, farmer and carpenter, Smithville, Ohio R. D. Mar. 4. 1914, married Rowena Gertrude Flohr, born July 27, 1887, daughter of Manasees and Catherine Wetzel Flohr. She died of heart failure July 24. 1940. Walter died Sept. 23, 1932, primary cause of death, as on the record. mastoid abcess. Lutheran and Sunday School superintendent.

4-26	Edith Verna,	born Jan. 27, 1915
4-27	Mary Kathryn,	born Feb. 21, 1920
4-28	Mabel Marie,	born Sept. 10, 1923

3-15

Mabel Bertha Schnell, on Feb. 28, 1923, married Charles Lewis Fry, born Nov. 19, 1893, son of Fred and Mary Haverstock Fry. Farmer, R. D. 3, Wooster, O. Member Reformed Church.

	Ruth Alverda,	born Dec. 12, 1923
	Harold Allen,	born Aug. 30, 1931

Memoranda

Fourth Generation

NOTE: Due to certain post war shortages and uncertainties, much data relative to fourth generation homemakers is as yet unavailable.

4-1

Miriam Ruth Fenstermaker, school teacher and graduate of Heidelberg College was born in Akron, O. On June 18, 1934, married Vernon Vaughn Isham, born April 9, 1905, son of Delbert Peter and Mildred Vaugh Isham; also school teacher, ex-serviceman, member Reformed Church. Address: R. D. 1, Barberton, O.

4-2

Ernest Arden Fenstermaker, born in Akron, O. On Aug. 17, 1941, married Frances Marie Patraseh, born Aug. 5, 1919, daughter of Paul and Mary Hubik Patraseh; member Reformed Church. Address, 720 Douglas Street, Akron, O. Ex-serviceman and graduate Bowling Green State University.

Roger William born Aug. 17, 1942

4-3

Lester Charles Fenstermaker was born in Akron, O. On Mar. 9, 1941, married Jane Rosalyn Leahy, born Mar. 18, 1920, daughter of Herbert Francis and Elsye Helen Gray Leahy; member Methodist Church. Address, 2314 San Antonio Street, Alameda, Calif.

Gary Eugene, born Oct. 28, 1941

4-4

Virginia Marcene Culp was born in Wadsworth, O. On July 25, 1941, married Lowell Herbert Stauffer, born Dec. 1, 1918, son of Joseph and Etta Gray Stauffer; ex-serviceman. Address, Wadsworth, O.

Nancy Jo, born June 20, 1946

4-5

Edwin Henry Culp, accountant, was born in Wadsworth, O.; married Sept. 5, 1941, to Rae Jean Higgins, born June 4, 1919, daughter of Ray and May Washburn Higgins. Ex-serviceman, Methodist, 373½ Broad Street, Wadsworth, O., graduate of Heidelberg College.

Carole Rae, born July 20, 1942

4-6

Robert Lee Schnell. TVA forester, was born in Indianapolis, Ind. On Nov. 29, 1941, married Marian Nash Nelly, born Sept. 15, 1908, daughter of Charles Martin and Mabel Leese Nash Nelly Johnston; Methodist, ex-serviceman.

Robert Lee, Jr., born Nov. 5, 1943

4-7

Richard Henry Schnell, art student, 6402 Prague Street, Houston, Tex. On Oct. 7, 1944, married Helen Valcik, born Nov. 30, 1920, daughter of Stephen and Helen Kodyrek Valcik. Ex-serviceman, Methodist.

4-8

Carlton Cleon Schnell, born in Indianapolis, Ind. Died of cardiac asthma Feb. 19, 1946; buried at Brownsburg, Ind. On Jan. 23, 1942, married Joy Catherine Tomlinson, born June 29, 1919, daughter of James Preston and Doris Catherine Young Tomlinson; Methodist. Ex-serviceman.

James Arthur, born Dec. 1, 1942
Judith Anne, born Jan. 14, 1945

4-9

Ralph Leland Slutz, school teacher, graduate of Ohio State University, 235 Eckenbrecker Ave., Cincinnati, O., was born in Colorado. On September 7, 1933, married Ruth Ellen Eshelman, born May 21, 1910, daughter of Clarence Rodney and Ethel May Blue Eshelman; Methodist.

4-10

Donald Pierce Slutz, director of physical education, 711 Woodbine Ave., Oak Park, Ill., was born in Pueblo, Colo. On Aug. 27, 1938, married Edith Lillian Bergstrom, born Sept. 28, 1915 daughter of Arvid Brynalf and Lillian Frances Hammerstrom Bergstrom; Methodist.

Donald Ray, born Sept. 25, 1942

4-11

Margaret Louisa Slutz, graduate of DePauw University. On Jan. 30, 1944, married Charles Darwin Stolzenbach. Address, 4646 B South 36th Street, Arlington, Va.

4-12

Frances Elizabeth Schnell, school teacher, graduate of Kent State University, was born at Berlin, O. On June 28, 1941, married Marion Alden Lehman, born Oct. 12, 1914, son of Jacob and Sarah Moser Lehman; truck driver, Mennonite, E. Oak Street, Orrville, O.

Kermit Wayne, born July 15, 1942
Eric Joseph, born Nov. 7, 1945

4-13

Myrtle Barbara Schnell, school teacher, graduate of Goshen College, was born at Berlin, O. On June 14, 1942, married Emanuel Cassel Hertzler, born Jan. 7, 1917, son of Aldus K. and Ellen Kratz Hartzler of Norristown, Pa. School teacher and biology student, Goshen College and University of Michigan. Address Camp Bernard, Gulfport, Miss., where Mr. Hertzler is an inductee in a Civilian Public Service Health unit. Released June 21, 1946.

Barbara Cassel — born Aug. 13, 1944

4-14

Dora Etta Crilow was born near Berlin, O. On Nov. 1, 1930, married Lester William Alberts, born Nov. 14, 1907, son of William and Ethel Roberts Alberts; bakery salesman and school bus operator; Mennonite. Berlin, O.

Norman Glen, — born Dec. 19, 1931
Dallas Gene, — born April 20, 1934
Cletus Lee, — born Mar. 8, 1936
Mervin Jay, — born Aug. 13, 1939; died Nov. 1, 1939
Merle Edwin, — born Mar. 3, 1941

4-15

Homer Daniel Crilow, garageman. Berlin, O. On Aug. 26, 1934, married Bernice Miller, born Oct. 30, 1911, daughter of William L. and Jemima Troyer Miller. Mennonite.

4-16

Orpha Mabel Crilow was born near Berlin, O. On Dec. 12, 1938, married Amos Yoder, born Dec. 12, 1900, son of Daniel M. and Lucinda Miller Yoder; coal miner. Mennonite, address: Berlin, O.

Richard Wayne, — born Aug. 12, 1939
Stanley Eugene, — born Jan. 23, 1942
Mary Esther, — born June 24, 1945

4-17

Verna Esther Crilow, upon the death of her mother, creditably assumed the responsibility of housekeeper for her father and the remaining family.

4-18

Melvin George Crilow, milk route, Goshen, Ind., R. D. 5. On Sept. 24, 1938, married Erma Blosser, born Dec. 15, 1916, daughter of Oscar and Mabel Martin Blosser; Mennonite.

Shirley Maxine, — born Nov. 4, 1939
Ernest Eugene, — born May 28, 1943

4-19

Ida Marie Crilow, born near Berlin, O. On June 27, 1937, married Wellman David Miller, born Nov. 8, 1909, son of William L. and Jemima Troyer Miller; garageman, Mennonite, Berlin, O.

Alfred Claire,	born April 1, 1938
Roger Duane,	born June 23, 1939
William Gerald,	born April 19, 1943
Miriam Elaine,	born Jan. 13, 1946

4-20

Floyd Berl Crilow, farmer, Millersburg, O., R. D. 4. On June 2, 1942, married Alma Pearl Sommer, born June 2, 1920, daughter of Simon W. and Sarah Lehman Sommer, Mennonite.

Vivian Elaine,	born June 13, 1943

4-21

Emma Florence Crilow, born near Berlin, O. On Dec. 25, 1939, married Freeman Wayne Troyer, born Aug. 31, 1916, son of Joseph D. and Cora Zuercher Troyer; mine operator, Mennonite, Millersburg, O., R. D. 4.

Frances Laverne,	born Nov. 10, 1942

4-22

Erma Schnell, nurses' aid and office girl was born near Berlin, O. On Mar. 29, 1946, married William Ewert, born Sept. 25, 1917 son of David H. and Agatha Bearg Ewert, Minn. As a C. O. and following a four-year period in Civilian Public Service, Mr. and Mrs. Ewert have now entered a three-year term of relief service in China under the Mennonite Central Committee.

4-23

Weldon Maynard Schnell, ex-serviceman and farmer; Apple Creek, O., R. D. On Feb. 4, 1946, married Helen Harie Hansen, born Jan. 27, 1922, daughter of Rev. William and Ellen Vail Hansen, of Medford, Oregon. Weldon formerly attended Ashland College and O. S. U. Presbyterian.

4-24

George William Kerr, farmer, Fredericksburg, O., R. D., was married April 14, 1944, to Mary Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lawrence, Wooster, O. United Presbyterian.

Barbara Ellen,	born April 7, 1945

4-25

Dorothy Jane Spencer, born near Fredericksburg, O. June 22, 1946, married John Leeper, son of Mrs. Iva Leeper. Ex-serviceman and employe of Hughs Keenam Co. Address, 225 Glessner Ave., Mansfield, O.

4-26

Edith Verna Schnell, school teacher, graduate of elementary teachers' course, Kent State University, was born near Apple Creek, O. Dec. 23, 1938, married Glenn Evan Meier, born Sept. 6, 1913, son of Albert and Maria Elizabeth Fellows Meier; factory work and farmer. Reformed Church. Address: Dalton, O., R. D. 1.

Glenn David,	born Sept.29, 1939
Charles Walter,	born Feb. 14, 1941
James Lee,	born May 12, 1942
Jane Elizabeth,	born Dec. 13, 1944

4-27

Mary Kathryn Schnell, clerk, was born near Smithville, O. On Sept. 17, 1944, married Roger D. Glasgow, born July 25, 1920, son of William Forrest and Nancy Grace Lehr Glasgow; carpenter, Presbyterian. Address, Apple Creek, O.

Jeffrey Lynn,	born Mar. 3, 1946

4-28

Mabel Marie Schnell, clerk, was born near Smithville, O. On July 10, 1943 married Clayton Leroy Orr, born Feb. 10, 1921, son of Ross James and Ethel Mae Hofacre Orr; farmer, member Reformed Church. Address, Apple Creek, O.

Susan Kay,	born Jan. 27, 1945

Memoranda

The Schnell Reunions

1923—Tuesday, June 5, Boyds School, Berlin Township.

1924—Missed.

1925—Thursday, August 27, Boyds School.

1926—Wednesday, August 25, Walter Schnell Residence.

1927—Wednesday, August 31, home of Rev. and Mrs. Zechiel.

1928—Thursday, August 9, home of Harry Kerr.

1929—Wednesday, August 28, home of Hervey Schnell.

1930—Wednesday, August 27, home of Fred Schnell.

1931—Wednesday, August 26, Park, Wadsworth.

1932—Wednesday, August 31, Wooster Park.

1933—Wednesday, August 30, home of Heber and Mary Spencer.

1934—Wednesday, August 29, Orr Park, Orrville.

1935—Saturday, August 31, Loyal Oak.

1936—Wednesday, August 26, Boyds School.

1937—Wednesday, August 25, Beechvale School.

1938—Wednesday, August 17, Millersburg Park.

1939—Wednesday, August 23, Millersburg Park.

1940—Wednesday, August 21, Millersburg Park.

1941—Wednesday, August 20, home of Heber and Mary Spencer.

1942—Wednesday, August 19, Orr Park.

1943—Wednesday, August 18, Orr Park.

1944—Sunday, August 27, P. M. Home of Hervey Schnell.

1945—Sunday, August 26, P. M. Orr Park.

1946—Sunday, Aug. 25, P. M. (scheduled for) home of Glenn and Edith Meier.

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